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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The board and I thank the **RIWS** members for their confidence in allowing us to guide the society for the next year. I want to personally thank the board for working with me for another year and for our new vice president, who volunteered after the meeting.

The annual meeting was full of discussion, ideas, and laughs. There were 3 past-presidents in attendance and I truly appreciate their support. Many ideas came up from our formal discussion (e.g., how to handle the national show dates), many ideas were posted on the idea boards (the

full results are posted in this newsletter), and even more ideas were mentioned in casual conversations ("lets have a member-only preview day for our yard sale"). Even a small thought or idea can change a good event into a great one.

Your input gives the board the feedback we need to direct the society where the members want.

I cannot say it enough.

Thank you,
Jackie Canna
President



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I want to take a second to thank all of the volunteers that help in all aspects of the gallery. Please come down to the gallery the during April 21st- May 16th to view the Committee Appreciation Show in the Main Gallery. If you want to get involved please contact the gallery to see how you can help.

Congratulations to **PAUL VIEN** for achieving Artist Member Status in 2013!

If you feel you have reached this status at the gallery please let us know!

We certainly have many things going on here at the gallery and it is great to see so many members

getting involved and participating in the Society and gallery functions. With spring in the air and a fresh board this year is shaping up to be something really special.

I want to thank **RICK WRIGHT** for donating 300 hard and soft cover books to **RIWS** in the memory of his wife Fugie Wright. She was a lover of art and books and we are so grateful to have inherited her wonderful collections of watercolor, photography and general art books.

The **Rhode Island Watercolor Society** is always accepting donations and as a 501c3 all donation are tax deductible.

Alyssa Wood
Gallery Director



Lavonne Suwalski Demonstration
at the 117th Annual Meeting



Winners of Prizes for the 117th Annual
Artist Members Show, from L to R:
Maggie Khorey, Nancy Bailey,
Raymond Andreotti, Anne Grasso,
Mary Wojechowski, Paola Mangiacapra

Richard Harrington 2 Day Monotype Workshop

Friday, April 26th & Saturday, 27th
Members \$100/day; Non-Members \$115/day
*includes materials fee of \$20/day-
 participants may register for one or both days.*

Watercolor monotypes: *Materials provided will include* a prepared plexiglas plate, gum arabic and print paper. **Bring** your watercolor supplies- paints (including white), brushes, watercolor paper, palette, water container, paper towels, etc.
Oil based monotypes: *Materials provided will include* a prepared plexiglas plate, Grumbacher MAX

and/or Lukas "water miscable" paints, print paper. **Bring** bristle brushes, palette, water container, paper towels, etc.
For both classes, bring sketches, photos or still life set-ups to work from. **Don't forget your lunch!**
This class is intended for artists with some experience in painting, and is limited to 10 participants each day.

Al & Lavonne 1-Day Workshop

9 am - 4 pm

Date: May 25 9 - 4 pm

WorkShop Fee: Members \$60; Non-Members \$75

Workshop Description: The class will discuss composition, values, and shapes, the organization of one's painting and adding figures into a painting. Creative concepts such as turning an ordinary subject into an interesting painting will be applied to the students work. Students will work with Al & Lavonne using the topics discussed and will be part of a critique at the end of the day.

About the artists:

AL ALBREKTSON is a lifetime member at the RIWS, he is also a member of the New England

Watercolor Society, North Shore Arts Association and other art organizations. Al received his art education at RISD and has traveled and painted all over the world, his favorite painting grounds are those of the familiar New England area.

LAVONNE SUWALSKI is an award winning Copley artist. Her work is in corporate and private collections around the world. She has always had an interest in color, light and nature. It is these interests that drew Lavonne to painting the New England landscape. The Boston Globe has described her as "pouring passion into painting."

Annual Artist Members' Meeting Highlights

Slate of Office voted in:

President:

Jackie Canna

VP:

Treasurer:

Dennis Finlay

Recording Secretary:

Dyan Rook

Corresponding Secretary:

Elinor Thompson

Directors:

Nina Ackmann

Ray Annino

Alice Crowell

Jaquelyn Hayes

Sue Klas Wright

2nd Annual Gallery Business Card Fundraiser



Last year we ran this fundraiser to buy business cards for the gallery, we had some great submissions and the winner, **DAYDRE HAMILTON'S** painting was put on the front of all the cards. It has been less than a year and we have already run out of cards! Submit your work and your painting can be on the front of all the business cards this year!

Entry: \$5.00 Entry Fee, Members Only. 3 entries per Member only. Can be any Watercolor painting of your choice.

Submission: All entries must be E-mailed to:

RIWSGallery@gmail.com
 by April 30, 2013. Images must be in JPEG format and resized to 3.5" x 2". If images are not resized we will resize and crop the images to fit.

Jury: All Entries will be displayed and voted on in the gallery during regular business hours. Everyone is eligible to place their vote for the winner. Voting will also take place on the website and through Constant Contact.

You can e-mail your vote to:

RIWSGallery@gmail.com.
 Voting will take place from April 30 - May 19 and the winner will be announced at the Opening Reception of Portraits & Figures on May 19. RIWSGallery@gmail.com. Voting will take place from April 30th- May 19th and the winner will be announced at the Opening Reception of Portraits & Figures on May 19th.

The chosen painting will be put on ALL 2013 RIWS business cards along with the artist's name.

Annual Meeting Focus Group Results:

What a great meeting. Thank you for everyone that attended and participated. A special thanks to Alice, Al, Dennis, and Sue for setting up.

And for Lisa for cleaning up the dishes.

The information and enthusiasm was wonderful. The resolution for our National Show could never have happened without the lively discussion. The focus group information is invaluable. Here is a summary of comments.

Thanks again all.

GRANT IDEAS

- hanging system for walls (4 votes)
- replace downstairs doors (2 votes)
- new Lighting (2 votes)
- display for Traveling Shows
- provide lessons for young students who cannot afford them
- replace patio doors
- wifi in house for members
- better web and technology
- plan community activities to introduce children to watercolor (tours, classes)
- print studio supplies (lights, cabinets, supply closets)
- Champlin Grants
- Sponsors

ARTWORK

- no colored mats (12 votes)
- watermedia on any paper, ground (5 votes)
- anything goes (2 votes)
- any watermedia (2 votes), printmaking, unusual materials to print on- waterboards
- encourage use of other supports (boards not just yupo)
- watermedia on paper (no yupo)
- float artwork with 2 inch border
- yupo & acrylic under glass
- allow no mats on paintings
- glazing, glass, & plexi

FUNDRAISING

- rent gallery for events
- sell old artwork in boxes in back room
- art event like a party where produce a piece of art at end
- sacrifice sale - \$5 - \$150 - clean out your art closet (not framed included)
- white sale or swap show - sell art products you no longer need
- start online print gallery of members artwork prints for sale (members provide or RIWS can take photos)
- demo night with national artist
- online "show" (like on facebook) to sell artwork

- put artwork for sale on website. artist ships and gives 10% to RIWS
- artist pay for a table for sale show workshops/classes
- workshops (and classes) in other media (2 votes)
- pastel with watercolor (mix media)
- abstract (4 votes)
- summer weekday workshops (2 votes)
- young children workshops/classes
- drawing classes
- workshops for beginners
- color/design workshops (Jane Jones)
- more weekend workshops:
 - Chinese or Japanese
 - JJ Wolfe
 - Carol Berren
 - Ted Nuttall
 - Stephen Quiller
 - Donna Zagota
 - Joyce Wood
 - Marianne Beckwith
 - Pat Dews
 - Mark Mehaffey
 - Judy Greenberg
 - Robert Burrigde
 - Annelin Beaukenkamp
 - Tom Schaller
 - Kathy Weber
 - Carol Marine
 - Cindy Barron
 - Joseph Zbuvcik (2 votes)
 - Tony Couch
 - Alvaro Castagnet
 - Carla O'conner

SHOWS

- shows for beginners only
- small picture show in december
- small picture show with unframed work
- color theme
- around the world, people and places
- trade galleries with another art association
- small group shows for artist members instead of renting
- music
- libraries
- dr. offices
- plein air shows (wet paint sales)
- mixed media (5 votes)
- shadow

- combine garden club show with art show
- joint concert and art show (outdoors)
- small pic show (not so small 16x20)
- miniature
- juicy
- no restriction on prices on little picture shows

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Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02861
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117th Annual Artist Member's Show AWARDS

Juror:

Don Andrews

Exene Myersahm Memorial Award:

Jerome - Maggie Khorey \$200

Clinton & Eleanor Knight Memorial Award:

Chinese Laundry - Ray Andreotti \$100

C. Gordon Harris Memorial Award:

Roman Column - Nancy Bailey \$50

Dr. Edwin Dunlop Memorial Award:

Bryant Park - Pat Sheridan \$50

Jane Archibald Memorial Award:

Autumn on the Cape - Mary Wojciechowski

Honorable Mentions:

Fishing with Friends - Jerry Aissis

Wirt Way - Jack Haran

Morning Commute - Bill Lane

Grandmums on Holiday - Paola Mangiacapra

Member of the Year Award 2013:

Jerry Aissis

People's Choice Awards:

Show Us Your Best - Len Lizak

National Show 2012:

Al Albrektson

Winter:

Richard Denzer & Jerry Aissis

2012 Signature Members:

Lisa Bailey, Evelyn Bernal, Leslie Berman,
Daydre Hamilton



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